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Mr. *Speaker*,

AMongst the many mercies of God to these poor Nations, your peaceable Restauration is not the least: it is his work alone, and to him belongs the glory of it: and I esteem it as a great effect of his goodness to me, that he was pleased to make me amongst many worthier in your service, some way instrumental in it. I did nothing but my duty, and do not deserve to receive so great honour and respect as you are pleased to give me at this time, and place; which I shall ever acknowledge as an high mark of your favour to me. Sir, I shall not now trouble you with large Narratives, onely give me leave to acquaint you, that as I marcht from *Scotland* hither, I observed the people in most Counties in great and earnest Expectations of Settlement; and they made several Applications to me, with numerous

Subscriptions: the chiefest Heads of their desires, were, For a Free & Full Parliament, and That you would determine your sitting; A Gospel Ministry, Incouragement of Learning and Universities, And for admittance of the Members secluded before 1648. without any previous Oath or Engagement. To which I commonly answered, That you are now in a free Parliament; and if there be any force remaining upon you, I would endeavour to remove it; and that you had voted to fill up your House, and then you would be a full Parliament also; and that you had already determined your sitting: and for the Ministry, their Maintenance, the Laws and Universities, you had largely declared in your last Declaration; and I was confident you would adhere to it: but as for those Gentlemen secluded in the year 1648. I told them you had given Judgment in it; and all people ought to acquiesce in that Judgement: but to admit any Members to sit in Parliament without a previous Oath or Engagement to secure the Government in being, it was never yet done in *England*. And although I said it not to them,

them, I muſt ſay with pardon to you, That the leſs Oaths and Engagements are impoſed, (with reſpect had to the ſecurity of the Common Cauſe) your Settlement will be the ſooner attained to. I am the more particular in theſe matters, to let you ſee how grateful your preſent Conſultations about theſe things, will be to the people. I know all the ſober Gentry will heartily cloſe with you, if they may be tenderly and gently uſed; and I am ſure you will ſo uſe them, as knowing it to be our common Concern, to expatiate, and not narrow our intereſt; and to be careful neither the Cavalier nor Phanatique Party have yet a ſhare in your Civil or Military Power; of the laſt of whoſe impatience to Government, you have had ſo ſevere Experience. I ſhould ſay ſomething of *Ireland* and *Scotland*: Indeed *Ireland* is in an ill condition, and made worſe by your ſuddain Interruption, which prevented the paſſing an Act for the ſettlement of the Eſtates of Adventurers and Souldiers there, which I heard you intended to have done in a few days; and I preſume it will be quickly done, being ſo neceſſary at this

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time; when the wants of the Commonwealth call for ſupplies, and people will unwillingly pay Taxes for thoſe Eſtates of which they have no legal aſſurance. I need not tell you how much your favour was abuſed in the Nomination of your Officers of your Army there; their Malice hath been ſufficiently manifeſted: I dare affirm that thoſe now that have declared for you, will continue faithful, and thereby evince that as well there as here it is the ſober intereſt that muſt eſtabliſh your Dominion. As for *Scotland*, I muſt ſay the people of that Nation deſerve much to be cheriſhed; and I believe your late Declaration will much glad their ſpirits; for nothing was more dreadful to them, then a fear to be over-run with Phanatique Notions.

I humbly recommend them to your Affection and Eſteem, and deſire the intended Act of Union may be proſecuted, and their Taxes made proportionable to thoſe in *England*, for which *I* am engaged by promiſe to be an humble Suitor to you. And truly, Sir, *I* muſt ask leave to entreat you to make a ſpeedie proviſion for their Civil Govern-

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ment, of which they have been deſtitute near a year, to the ruine of many Families: and except Commiſſioners for management of the Government, and Judges to ſit in Courts of Judicature, be ſpeedily appointed, that Country will be very miſerable. *I* directed Mr. *Gumble* lately to preſent to you ſome Names, both of Commiſſioners and Judges: but by reaſon of your great Affairs, he was not required to deliver them in writing to you; but *I* now humbly preſent them to your Conſideration.

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